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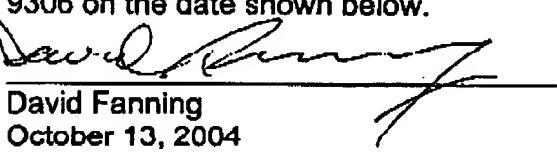
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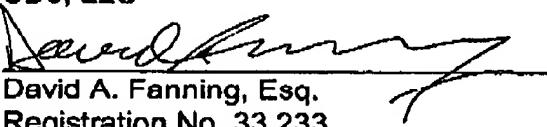
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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION****AND FOURTH AMENDMENT**

Applicant hereby requests continued examination under 37 CFR §1.114. An authorization to charge a credit card is enclosed to cover the fee required by 37 CFR §1.17(e) for small entities.

This amendment responds to the Office Action mailed June 30, 2004. Please amend the claims as set forth on the following pages 2-6. Applicant's remarks begin on page 7.